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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. in History, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 1995.
- M.A. in History, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor, 1992.
- B.A. in Political Science and Afro-American Studies, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, 1989.

EMPLOYMENT

Teaching Appointments

- 2015-present: Lyle V. Jones Distinguished Professor, with joint appointment in the Department of African, African American, and Diaspora Studies and the Department of History, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
- 2004-2015: Professor of History, Indiana University at Bloomington.
- 1998-2004: Associate Professor of History, Indiana University at Bloomington.
- 1995-1998: Assistant Professor of History, North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro.
- 1993-1995: Instructor of History, North Carolina A&T State University, Greensboro.

Administrative Appointments

- 2014-2015: Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Development & Diversity, Office of Faculty & Academic Affairs, Indiana University at Bloomington.
- 2006-2010: Chair, Department of History, Indiana University at Bloomington.
- 2004-2006: Associate Dean for Graduate Education, College of Arts & Sciences, Indiana University at Bloomington.

Other Professional Appointments

- Associate Editor, *Journal of American History*, 2011-2014.
- Editor of the Blacks in the Diaspora book series of Indiana University Press, 2001- 2004.
- Adjunct Professor in the Department of African-American and African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University at Bloomington, 2000-present.
- Adjunct Professor in the African Studies Program, Indiana University at Bloomington, 1999-present.
- Adjunct Professor of the American Studies Program (now Department), Indiana University at Bloomington, 1998-present.

PUBLICATIONS

Monographs:

- *The Life and Times of Elijah Muhammad*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2014. (This monograph is a paperback reprint edition of *An Original Man*.)
- *Troubled Ground: A Tale of Murder, Lynching, and Reckoning in the New South*. Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 2010, published simultaneously in hardcover and paperback editions. (Reviewed in the *Journal of American History*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Historical Methods*, *African American Review*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, *Florida Historical Quarterly*, *Maryland Historical Magazine*, *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society*, *Louisiana History*, *Indiana Magazine of History*, *Charlotte Observer*, *News*

& *Record* [Raleigh, NC], southernspaces.org, curledup.com, among other venues).

- *The Price of Liberty: African Americans and the Making of Liberia*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004, published simultaneously in hardcover and paperback editions. (Reviewed in the *Journal of American History*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Southern History*, *African Studies Review*, *International Journal of African Historical Studies*, *Foreign Affairs*, *Choice*, *Books & Culture*, *Diaspora: A Journal of Transnational Studies*, *Liberian Studies Journal*, *North Carolina Historical Review*, *Journal of Mississippi History*, *Charlotte Observer*, among other venues.)
- *An Original Man: The Life and Times of Elijah Muhammad*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1997; paperback edition, 1998. (Reviewed in the *Journal of American History*, *American Historical Review*, *Journal of Southern History*, *Journal of Negro History*, *Chronicle of Higher Education*, *New York Times*, *New York Review of Books*, *Washington Post*, *Philadelphia Inquirer*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Charlotte Observer*, *Publisher's Weekly*, *Library Journal*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Commentary*, *Newsday*, among other venues. Books On Tape, Inc. released an unabridged audiocassette version of *An Original Man* in February 1999.)

Edited Volumes:

- *Africa and the African American Imagination*. Ann Arbor, MI: ProQuest and Schomburg Studies of the Black Experience, 2007. I authored the introduction of this volume and edited its primary and secondary documents. It was electronically published by Proquest as part of their 30-volume series entitled "The Black Experience in the Western Hemisphere." The series is co-sponsored by Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, New York Public Library.

Works in Progress:

- "A President and a People: Barack Obama and Black America" (monograph).
- "The Tiger: Jean-Jacques Dessalines and the Haitian Revolution" (monograph).

Articles in Scholarly Journals and Edited Volumes:

- "African Americans and the Making of Evangelical Christianities, 1760–1860," in *The Cambridge History of Religions in America*, vol. 2, ed. Stephen J. Stein. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2012.
- "Malcolm X and Elijah Muhammad," in *The Cambridge Companion to Malcolm X*, ed. Robert Terrill. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- "'You're Not Ready for Farrakhan': The Nation of Islam and the Struggle for Black Political Leadership, 1984-2000," in *Black Political Organizations in the Post-Civil Rights Era*, eds. Ollie A. Johnson and Karin L. Stanford. New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2003.
- "Philanthropy, the Civil Rights Movement, and the Politics of Racial Reform," in *Charity, Philanthropy and Civility in American History*, eds. Lawrence Friedman and Mark McGarvie. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2002.
- "Nation Under Siege: Elijah Muhammad, the FBI, and Police-State Culture in Chicago," in *Police Brutality*, ed. Jill Nelson. New York: W. W. Norton, 2000.
- "The Promised Land, Inc.: Company-Repatriate Relations during the Founding of Freetown, Sierra Leone," in *Moving On: Black Loyalists and the Making of the Afro-Atlantic World*, ed. John Pulis. New York: Garland Publishing Co., 1999.
- "Message from the Wilderness of North America: Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam, c. 1960," *Journal for MultiMedia History* 1.1 (Fall 1998).
- "Rebuilding the Nation: The Life and Work of Elijah Muhammad, 1946-54," *The Black Scholar* 26.3-4 (Fall-Winter 1996): 49-59.
- "A Splendid Type of Colored American: Charles Young and the Reorganization of the Liberian Frontier Force," *International Journal of African Historical Studies* 29.1 (1996): 47-70.

Encyclopedia Entries and Other Publications:

- "Booker T. Washington," in *The New Encyclopedia of Southern Culture*, vol. 20, eds. Larry J. Griffin and Peggy Hargis. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2012.

- “The Nation of Islam,” in *Encyclopedia of African American History, 1896 to the present: From the Age of Segregation to the Twenty-first Century*, ed. Paul Finkelman. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- Articles on Elijah Muhammad, Malcolm X, and the Organization of Afro-American Unity in *Civil Rights in the United States*, eds. Waldo E. Martin and Patricia Sullivan. New York: Macmillan Reference USA, 2000.
- “The Shifting Meaning of Race in the Nation of Islam since 1975,” in *Religion and Social Movements in the African Diaspora*. Occasional Papers Series 1. Indiana University: Department of Afro-American Studies, 2000.

Book Reviews:

- Ashraf H. Rushdy, *The End of American Lynching* (New Brunswick, NJ: Rutgers University Press, 2012), which appeared in the *American Historical Review* 118.2 (April 2013): 552-53.
- Phillip W. Magness and Sebastian N. Page, *Colonization after Emancipation: Lincoln and the Movement for Black Resettlement* (University of Missouri Press, 2011), which appeared in *Diplomatic History* 36.5 (November 2012).
- Ramla M. Bandele, *Black Star: African American Activism in the International Political Economy* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2008), which appeared in the *Journal of American Ethnic History* 31.3 (Spring 2012): 119-21.
- Edward E. Curtis IV and Danielle Brune Sigler, eds., *The New Black Gods: Arthur Huff Fauset and the Study of African American Religions* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 2009), which appeared in the *American Historical Review* 116.1 (February 2011): 201-2.
- Amy L. Wood, *Lynching and Spectacle: Witnessing Racial Violence in America, 1890-1940* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2009), which appeared in the *Southern Quarterly* 48.1 (Fall 2010): 148-52.
- Glenda E. Gilmore, *Defying Dixie: The Radical Roots of Civil Rights, 1919-1950* (New York: Norton, 2008), which appeared in the *Journal of American History* 97.2 (September 2010): 477-79.
- Brian G. Shellum, *Black Officer in a Buffalo Soldier Regiment: The Military Career of Charles Young* (Lincoln and London: University of

Nebraska Press, 2010), which appeared in the *Register of the Kentucky Historical Society* 108.3 (Summer 2010), 296-98.

- Robert J. Norrell, *Up from History: The Life of Booker T. Washington* (Cambridge, Mass., and London: Harvard University Press, 2009), which appeared in the *Journal of Southern History* 76.3 (August 2010): 748-50.
- Mary G. Rolinson, *Grassroots Garveyism: The Universal Negro Improvement Association in the Rural South, 1920-1927* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina, 2007), which appeared in *Social History* 33.2 (May 2008): 230-32.
- Eric Burin, *Slavery and the Peculiar Solution: A History of the American Colonization Society* (Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2005), which appeared in the *Journal of American History* 93.2 (September 2006): 514-15.
- Kenneth C. Barnes, *Journey of Hope: The Back-to-Africa Movement in Arkansas in the Late 1800s* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2004), which appeared in *Slavery and Abolition*, 27.2 (August 2006), 299-300.
- Jeffrey O. G. Ogbar, *Black Power: Radical Politics and African American Identity* (Baltimore, MD: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2004), which appeared in the *Journal of Southern History*, 72.1 (Feb. 2006), 235-36.
- Ibrahim Sundiata, *Brothers and Strangers: Black Zion, Black Slavery, 1914-1940* (Durham, NC: Duke University Press, 2003), which appeared in the *Journal of American History*, 91.4 (March 2005), 1511-12.
- Lamin Sanneh, *Abolitionists Abroad: American Blacks and the Making of Modern West Africa* (Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1999), which appeared in the *Journal of American History*, 88.3 (December 2001), 1069.
- Keita Cha-Jua, *America's First Black Town: Brooklyn, Illinois, 1830-1915* (Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2000), which appeared in *Indiana Magazine of History*, 97.2 (June 2001), 153-54.
- Karl Evanzz, *The Messenger: The Rise and Fall of Elijah Muhammad* (New York: Pantheon Books, 1999), which appeared in the *Middle East Quarterly*, 7.4 (December 2000), 76-77.
- Timothy B. Tyson, *Radio Free Dixie: Robert F. Williams and the Roots of Black Power*. (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1999),

which appeared in the *American Historical Review*, 105.4 (October 2000), 1345-46.

- "On Her Own Terms," a book review essay of Marli F. Weiner, *Mistresses and Slaves: Plantation Women in South Carolina, 1830-80* (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 1998); Leslie A. Schwalm, *A Hard Fight For We: Women's Transition from Slavery to Freedom in South Carolina* (Urbana and Chicago: University of Illinois Press, 1997); Chris Dixon, *Perfecting the Family: Antislavery Marriages in Nineteenth-Century America* (Amherst: University of Massachusetts Press, 1997); Judith Weisenfeld, *African American Women and Christian Activism: New York's Black YWCA, 1905-1945* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1997); and Claire C. Robertson, *Trouble Showed The Way: Women, Men, and Trade in the Nairobi Area, 1890-1990* (Bloomington: Indiana University Press, 1997), which appeared in the *Journal of Women's History*, 11.4 (Winter 2000), 176-87.
- Tunde Adeleke, *UnAfrican Americans: Nineteenth-Century Black Nationalists and the Civilizing Mission* (Lexington: University of Kentucky Press, 1998), which appeared in the *Journal of American History*, 86.2 (September 1999), 772-73.
- Murray Friedman, *What Went Wrong? The Creation & Collapse of the Black-Jewish Alliance* (New York: The Free Press, 1995); Seth Forman, *Blacks in the Jewish Mind: A Crisis of Liberalism* (New York: New York University Press, 1998), which appeared in the *American Historical Review*, 104.2 (June 1999), 954-56.
- Yvonne Yazbeck Haddad and Jane Idleman Smith, eds., *Muslim Communities in North America* (Albany: State University of New York Press, 1994), which appeared in the *Journal of American History*, 85.3 (December 1998), 1053-54.
- Grace Elizabeth Hale, *Making Whiteness: The Culture of Segregation in the South, 1890-1940* (New York: Pantheon, 1998), which appeared in *Brightleaf*, 1.4 (Fall 1998), 21-22, 43.
- Patience Essah, *A House Divided: Slavery and Emancipation in Delaware, 1638-1865* (Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1996), which appeared in *H-CivNet Reviews*, Michigan State University, East Lansing, April 1997 (<http://www.h-net2.msu.edu/reviews>).
- Santosh C. Saha, *A History of Agriculture in Liberia, 1822-1970: Transference of American Values* (Edwin Mellon Press, 1990), which

appeared in *The International Journal of African Historical Studies*, 27.3 (1994): 681-82.

INVITED TALKS

- “A Town, a Photograph, and a Lynching Close to Home.” Invited speaker for the John Francis Bannon 2013 Annual Lecture, Department of History, Saint Louis University, St. Louis, Missouri, April 25, 2013.
- “A Chance Encounter with a Lynching Close to Home.” Keynote speech delivered as part of “Without Sanctuary: A Conference on Lynching and the American South,” University of North Carolina at Charlotte, October 11, 2012.
- “Confronting Lynching: An Academic and Personal Perspective.” Delivered at the *Without Sanctuary/Lynching Photography* teachers institute, National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Cincinnati, Ohio, March 13, 2010.
- “A Historical View of the Nation of Islam.” Delivered at the University of Houston, February 22, 2010 (sponsored by the African American Studies Program).
- “Elijah Muhammad and Malcolm X.” Delivered at Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, February 24, 2000.
- "The Life of Elijah Muhammad." Delivered at Millersville University (Millersville, PA), November 16, 1998.
- "Finding Her Place: Some Comments on African-American Women and Antebellum Emigration to Liberia." Delivered at Ohio State University, February 19, 1998.
- "The Allure of Africa: African-American Emigrants and the Making of Liberia." Delivered at the State University of New York at Albany, November 17, 1997.
- "Elijah's Journey: A Comment on Sources." Delivered at the North Carolina Library Association conference, Raleigh, October 10, 1997.
- "Elijah Muhammad and the Nation of Islam." Delivered at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, February 6, 1997.

SELECTED CONFERENCE AND PANEL PRESENTATIONS

- Panelist in plenary session entitled “The Wider Context and Implications of the *Amistad* Affair,” part of the “Rising Up: Hale Woodruff’s Murals at Talladega College” symposium, New York University, October 4, 2013.
- Discussant in roundtable entitled “Race, Memoir, and History,” Organization of American Historians, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 19, 2012.
- Presenter, “Teaching the Civil Rights Movement,” as part of the Teaching American History Summer Institute, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Education, Indiana University, and the Monroe County Community School Corporation, June 15, 2011.
- Panelist in seminar on Liberia, sponsored by the Army Directed Studies Office (US Department of Defense), Springfield, Virginia, July 21, 2010.
- Participant in panel discussion of Robert Norrell’s *Up from History: The Life of Booker T. Washington*, Association for the Study of African American Life and History, Cincinnati, Ohio, October 3, 2009.
- Chaired panel entitled “Historical Perspectives on Liberia,” Liberian Studies Association conference, Bloomington, Indiana, March 26, 2007.
- Discussant for “The Atlantic Paradigm: A Roundtable,” Indiana University, April 20, 2007.
- Commentator for session entitled “America in Africa: African Americans and the Colonization Movement in Antebellum America.” Organization of American Historians conference, Washington, D.C., April 20, 2006.
- Commentator for session entitled “Islamic Communities in the United States.” Organization of American Historians conference, San Jose, California, April 3, 2005.
- “‘It is a new Country’: Impressions of Liberia in the Letters of North Carolina Emigrants.” Delivered at the Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora conference, Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, October 4, 2003.
- “African-American Women and the Making of Liberia.” Delivered at the 18th Annual Symposium on African American Culture and Philosophy, Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana, March 23, 2002.
- “The Womenfolk: A Statistical Portrait of Female Emigrants from North Carolina to Liberia, 1825-1843.” Delivered at the African Studies Association conference, Houston, Texas, November 16, 2001.

- “Black North Carolinians and the Making of the Methodist Church in Liberia, 1825-1893: Some Observations.” Delivered at the Southern Intellectual History Circle conference, Indiana University, Bloomington, February 23, 2001.
- Member of panel discussion entitled “Solitary Scholars?: Balancing Personal and Professional Lives.” Organization of American Historians conference, St. Louis, Missouri, April 1, 2000.

SELECTED TELEVISION & RADIO APPEARANCES

- “Charlotte Talks,” National Public Radio (Charlotte, NC), October 8, 2012 (discussion of *Troubled Ground*).
- “Noon Edition,” National Public Radio, recorded at affiliate station WFIU, Bloomington, IN, May 14, 2004.
- "To the Best of Our Knowledge," National Public Radio, recorded at affiliate station WUNC, Chapel Hill, NC, May 7, 1997 (discussion of *An Original Man*).
- Interview for the American Urban Radio Network, Pittsburgh, PA, April 29, 1997 (discussion of *An Original Man*).
- "Booknotes," C-SPAN, Washington, DC, March 30, 1997. (Excerpts from this interview appear in Brian Lamb, *Booknotes: Life Stories* [New York: Random House, 1999], 231-36.)
- "America's Black Forum," Washington, DC, March 30, 1997 (discussion of *An Original Man*).
- "Talk of the Nation," National Public Radio, broadcast from affiliate station WUNC, Chapel Hill, NC, March 17, 1997 (discussion of *An Original Man*).
- "B.E.T. Talk," Black Entertainment Television, Washington, DC, February 19, 1997 (discussion of *An Original Man*).
- "New York & Company," WNYC-AM (National Public Radio local affiliate), February 18, 1997 (discussion of *An Original Man*).

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Black Faculty and Staff Student Choice Award, Indiana University at Bloomington, 2012.
- One of five finalists for the 2005 Frederick Douglass Book Prize, sponsored by the Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition at Yale University (for *The Price of Liberty*).
- 2004 *Choice* Magazine Outstanding Academic Title (for *The Price of Liberty*).
- Trustees' Teaching Award, Indiana University at Bloomington, 2004.
- Travel grant from the John Hope Franklin Collection for African and African-American Documentation, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, 2002.
- International Projects and Activities Grant, Office of International Programs, Indiana University at Bloomington, 2001 (declined).
- Research Award and Summer Stipend, Arts and Humanities Initiative, Indiana University at Bloomington, 2001.
- Archie K. Davis Fellowship, sponsored by the North Caroliniana Society, Chapel Hill, North Carolina (2001).
- Summer Faculty Fellowships, Indiana University, 1999 and 2000.
- Honor Book citation for *An Original Man*, awarded by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (1997).
- Paul Cuffe Memorial Fellowship, sponsored by the Munson Institute of American Maritime Studies, Mystic, Connecticut (1997).
- Military History Fellowship to attend a seminar at the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York, sponsored by the USMA department of history (May 30-June 24, 1994).
- Ford Fellowship Project Grant for research at Fourah Bay College, Sierra Leone, during the summer of 1991.
- Rackham Merit Fellowship, Rackham Graduate School, University of Michigan at Ann Arbor (1990-1995).
- Dean's List, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Spring 1987-Spring 1989.

PROFESSIONAL AND INSTITUTIONAL SERVICE

- Member of the advisory board of the Center of Excellence for Women in Technology, Indiana University, 2014-2015.
- Member of the College Committee on Graduate Education, Indiana University, 2013-2014.
- Member of Campus Strategic Planning Initiative (Faculty Team), Indiana University, 2013-2014.
- Member of the University Faculty Council, Indiana University, 2013-2014. This assignment involved service on the system-wide faculty governance body.
- Member of the Bloomington Faculty Council, Indiana University, 2013-2014. This assignment also entailed chairing the BFC Faculty Affairs Committee and serving as an ex officio member of the Executive Committee.
- Member of external review committee, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University, Spring 2013.
- Member of advisory committee, Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University, 2012-2015.
- Member of Advisory Board, Center for Research on Race and Ethnicity in Society (CRRES), Indiana University, 2012 – present.
- Member of external review committee, Department of African American & African Diaspora Studies, Indiana University, Spring 2012.
- Member of Promotion Committee, College of Arts & Sciences, Indiana University, 2011-2014.
- Member of Paul V. McNutt Lecture Committee (tasked with selecting a distinguished visiting lecturer in U.S. history), Department of History, Indiana University, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, and 2012-2013.
- Co-organizer of the Preparing for Graduate Study in the Twenty-First Century project (designed to recruit and retain a demographically diverse cohort of graduate students), College of Arts & Sciences, Indiana University, 2009-2010.
- Member of search committee for an executive director of the Organization of American Historians, 2008-2009, 2009-2010.

- Member of review committee for Department of Classical Studies, Indiana University, 2008-2009.
- Member of review committee for the Ancient Studies Program, Indiana University, 2008.
- Member of selection committee for the Distinguished Faculty Research Lecturer, sponsored by the Office of the Vice Provost for Research, Indiana University, 2008-2009.
- Member of the Indiana University Bicentennial Taskforce, 2007 – present.
- Member of Social and Historical Sciences subcommittee, General Education committee, Indiana University, 2007-2011.
- Served as chair of the U.S. history field, Department of History, Indiana University, 2005-2006, 2006-2007, and 2013-2014.
- Member of search committee for a Dean of the University Graduate School, Indiana University, 2005-2006.
- Member of the Program Committee for the Organization of American Historians conference, 2005.
- Member of the Strategic Planning Committee organized by Chancellor Sharon Brehm, Indiana University, 2002-2004.
- Member of selection committee for National Endowment for the Humanities summer fellowships, Indiana University, 2002 and 2003.
- Served as chair of the African Diaspora history field, Department of History, Indiana University, 2002-2010, 2011-2013.
- Established graduate major in African Diaspora history in the Department of History, Indiana University at Bloomington, 2002.
- Served on Executive Committee of the African Studies Program, Indiana University, 2001-2002.
- Served on search committee for a chairperson for the Department of Afro-American Studies, Indiana University, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003.

- Served on Executive Committee of the Department of History, Indiana University, 2000-2001, 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2006-2010 (ex officio member as department chair).
- Served on African American history search committees, Department of History, Indiana University, 1999-2000, 2000-2001, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, and 2004-2005.
- Served on the 1997-1998, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, and 2005-2006 selection committees of the scholars-in-residence program of the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture (New York Public Library).
- Member of the advisory board of the Institute of African-American Research (IAAR) of North Carolina, established by the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (1997-1998).
- Chaired the committee which developed the Africana Studies program within the history department of North Carolina A&T State University (1996-1997). Also served as director of this program (1997).

COURSES TAUGHT

Undergraduate:

African-American History (to 1865)
 African-American History (since 1865)
 Africans in Colonial America
 United States History (since 1865)
 Slave Resistance in the Americas
 Black Nationalism in the United States
 Abolitionism
 The Civil Rights Movement
 U.S. Military History
 Historical Methods

Graduate:

The African Diaspora
 Seminar in U.S. History
 Twentieth-Century African-American History
 Black Southerners (1865-1965)
 U.S. History (since 1932)
 The Civil War and Reconstruction
 Teaching United States History

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Historical Association

Association for the Study of African American Life and History

Association for the Study of the Worldwide African Diaspora

Organization of American Historians

Southern Historical Association